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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Laqueiton D. Branch, 27, of Madison, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on November 22, 2008, Branch possessed a .38 caliber pistol and .38 caliber and 9 mm ammunition.

If convicted, Branch faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE

Joshua D. Johnson, 24, of Madison, is charged with possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. The indictment alleges that he possessed the crack cocaine on November 22, 2008.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

TWO CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

In unrelated indictments, two men have been charged with intentionally re-entering

the United States after previously being deported. The indictments charge Mauricio Olivares-Torres, 29, a citizen of Mexico, found living in Janesville, Wis., on August 18, 2008, and Jose Noe Guardado, 42, a citizen of El Salvador, found living in La Crosse, Wis., on November 6, 2008.

If convicted, Olivares-Torres faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison, and Guardado faces a maximum penalty of two years in federal prison. The charges against them are the result of investigations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of Olivares-Torres has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell and the prosecution of Guardado has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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